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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**Dr. Paddy Jim BAGGOT**

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**For:** TREATMENT OF CHROMOSOMAL  
ABNORMALITIES IN FETUSES  
THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE  
METABOLIC ANALYSIS OF AMNIOTIC  
FLUID

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) **Group Art Unit:** 1634

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) **Examiner:** Diana B. Johannsen

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY RCE**

MAIL STOP RCE/PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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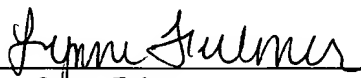
Sir:

The following amendments address, in part, certain § 112 issues that were raised in the final office action in the parent case.

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